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INJUSTICE KIDNAPED. STILL MISSING

MIDLAND VALLEY GUARD WOUNDED IN GUN BATTLE

Attacked by 2 Unknown
Tresspassers in Yards
at Lefebvre

FUSILLADE FOLLOWS

Whitfield's Partner Comes to
Rescue and Between 30
and 40 Shots Fired

LOCAL SITUATION BRIGHTER

All Pickets Go Off Duty as
Injunction Papers Are
Served by Officers

J. C. Whitfield, guard for the Midland Valley railroad, was shot twice but not seriously wounded in a sharp battle between two guards and three unidentified men, at the Midland Valley railroad yards and train dispatching station at Lefebvre, southwest of Tulsa, last night. Railroad authorities were unable to identify the men, although one of the men was seen to be wearing a hat and a light-colored shirt. Between 20 and 30 shots were fired in the exchange. The shooting occurred when two guards, one of whom was Whitfield, met two men at the lower end of the yards, and ordered them off the railroad property as trespassers. There was an exchange of hot words which came to a speedy climax when one of the strangers struck at Whitfield. The latter avoided the blow by dodging. Almost immediately the trespasser reached for his gun.

Say Unknown First. The man was the trespasser who fired the first shot, it was reported, and this shot was thought to be the one which wounded Whitfield. The two guards emptied their guns, but it was uncertain whether either of the two strangers were hit. One fell but quickly regained his feet and kept firing.

When the two guards emptied their guns they fell back behind a light car to reload their guns. Whitfield, although wounded, stepped out from the box car and began firing once more at the two men who began running from the yards and disappeared among some bushes. Whitfield, who was wounded, walked back to the dispatching office unaided.

The injured man was taken to the Tulsa hospital where his injuries were not serious. He was released after a short stay. The other guard, who was not seriously injured, was taken to the hospital. The other guard, who was not seriously injured, was taken to the hospital.

Only Four on Strike. There were only four men at the Midland Valley yards that were affected by the strike, it was learned Friday. The small shops at Lefebvre are used for only light emergency repair work. The general railroad shops of the Midland Valley being at Muskogee. The yards are about a mile and a half long and are used for the most part for storing of the trains. The yards are owned by the Midland Valley and other oil companies. A train dispatcher's station is also at the yards. Several houses occupied by workmen in the yards make up a little village.

Other guards who rushed to the assistance of their forces were unable to capture either of the two assailants. At the Midland Valley office in Lefebvre it was stated that the clash was not considered serious and that everything quieted down immediately following the shooting. The driver of the light-colored touring automobile which brought Whitfield to the hospital here, said it was quiet in the little railroad community of Lefebvre less than half an hour after the exchange of shots.

TULSA STRIKE QUIET;

ROAD MEN OPTIMISTIC

With all the engines in the Frisco yards at West Tulsa in service except two, yesterday saw the best conditions locally of any day since July 1. Entrances to the yards were deserted for the first time since the strike, all strikers having quit their picket duty in accordance with the order of the injunction issued by Federal Judge Custer forbidding interference with or molestation of men employed in the Frisco yards. All oil was moved yesterday by 4 o'clock. Normal freight shipments would have been made earlier, oil is usually out by 5 o'clock in the morning but in view of the hand-

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Crowds Flock to Hear Movie Star Testify in Court

But Gloria Is Not Called to
Stand; Conspiracy Ac-
tion Dismissed

LOS ANGELES, July 14.—Gloria Swanson, screen actress, did not disappoint the crowds which thronged Judge Rives' division of the probate department of the superior court here today in an effort to see her.

She was not called upon to testify in the will contest involving her mother, the widow of Matthew I. Burns, and attorney for Mrs. Burns said it was unlikely that she would be asked to take the stand.

Charges that she and her mother had conspired to bring about the latter's marriage to Burns and later secure a favorable bill were dismissed.

The testimony offered today centered about the mental condition of Burns when he made the disputed will.

LESKY EXPLAINS

TARRING PARTY

Guns Silenced Him When
He Attempted to Es-
cape His Captors

DEFENDED BY LAWYER

Believes Bail Put Up by Him
for Woman Who Shot Tuck-
er Prompted Kidnaping

"How about those bonds you signed lately for women?"

This question climaxed the series of interrogations put to S. K. Lesky before he was subjected to a coat of tar and feathers by a mob of unknown persons in the vicinity of Tulsa, Thursday night, according to a story as he told it to a World reporter Friday morning.

Seemingly none the worse for the affair Lesky came to town early in the morning and transacted his business as usual. When seen by a reporter he talked freely of the little party given in his honor for which he believed himself to be indebted to the "invisible empire."

Interrupted at Supper. "I live at 115 South Olympia," Lesky said. "About 7:15 o'clock Thursday evening I was eating dinner with my family when there was a knock at the door which my wife answered. I heard a man inquiring for me and went out on the porch to see what he wanted.

"The man asked me if my name was Lesky and I said it was. He then inquired if I made it a practice to go on bonds and I said that I did sometimes. He said his brother had been arrested for automobile theft and he wanted to know if I would go on a bond for him.

"By this time I began to become suspicious and told the man that I would go on a bond for him and get my coat and hat. But they said that we would be back in a few minutes and there was no need of that. I then went back into the house and the man who had been arrested for automobile theft came in and told me that he was a dead man if I spoke a word. They then blindfolded me and tied my hands together.

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COUNTRY BOY'S POSSE WOUNDS 4 ALLEGED BANDITS

Fight at Capital Road-
house Ends With the
Flight of Auto

PROPRIETORS BEATEN

Woman Calls for Help and
Boys Commandeer Truck
and Pursue Assailants

AUTOISTS FIRE FIRST SHOT

Shotgun Broadside Is An-
swer; Wounded Women Cap-
tured; Men Make Escape

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 14.—

Broadside fired point blank from automobiles racing through the summer twilight wounded two women and sent county and city officials searching for the husbands of the women, supposedly badly wounded, when three country youths, in a commandeered truck and using borrowed shotguns, matched their wits against the shooting skill of a party of Oklahoma City alleged hangers Friday night after a five-mile chase.

Mrs. Walter Matheny, about 40 years old, and her daughter, who gave her name as Mrs. Clara Smith, about 22, are in the county jail. Somewhere in the east county 12 miles northeast of the city, the husbands of the women are in hiding, probably severely wounded, county officials believe.

Three boys who broke up the Matheny ride by effective use of shotguns were J. E. Bone of Spencer, W. E. Smith and Guy Dyer. The battle, which began at the R. L. Phillips dance hall and chicken dinner place near the end of the Twenty-third street road.

According to the story told by Mrs. Phillips, the Matheny party drove up and asked for a drink of water. They stayed by about seven o'clock. A fight immediately followed, about which accounts vary. Both Phillips and his wife were severely beaten and Phillips leg broken.

Mrs. Phillips declares Matheny and his party sought to kidnap her after the liquor transaction. The Smith woman says Phillips tried to run them away. The liquor is in possession of county officers.

The Matheny party drove northward toward Spencer. With her husband living helpless in their home, Mrs. Phillips dashed out to the road for help. She found it immediately.

Bone, Smith and Dyer joined in the fight. They commandeered a delivery truck owned by Phillips and went racing down the road. They stopped at the first house and borrowed shotguns.

Five miles away about two miles north and one mile west of Spencer, the truck came tearing up alongside the Matheny car.

Shotgun Broadside. "We ordered them to stop. They began shooting and I climbed out on the runningboard and returned the fire," was the statement of one of the youths.

The boys declare that the first shots were fired from the Matheny car. Officers later found four empty cartridges in the front seat of the riding car.

The volley of pistol shots was answered by a deadly hail from the shotgun. The touring car stopped and the truck went speeding down the road. The three boys, accompanied by Mrs. Phillips, came back to the touring car was deserted.

Mrs. Matheny and her daughter were taken to the prison where they were shot in the face and shoulder and a piece of glass was driven through her eye. Physicians believe that the wounds are not serious.

Condition of the windshield led officers to believe the men are seriously wounded. A man hunt followed immediately.

When the three boys reached the touring car the occupants fled. Though the twilight they saw a man and woman running across a field. Barking of a dog at a negro house a short distance away led them to the place where the woman had stopped. The brought the woman back to the wrecked car. The two men had fled, leaving their women behind.

Sentenced to Spend 2
Nights in Horse Stall

HALDEN, Mass., July 14.—A sentence to spend two nights in his horse's stall, meanwhile turning the animal out to pasture, was imposed upon Raymond W. Purnam of Wakefield, in the district court today.

He was charged with having failed to provide proper food and shelter for his horse. Judge Riley said that if the horse showed improvement at the end of two weeks he would not set any further penalty.

Practically Certain Coal Miners Will Refuse Offer For Settlement of Strike

Union Leaders Leave White House After Conference With
President Determined, It Is Said, to Continue Walkout;
Anthracite Fields May Resume Work.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—A practical certainty existed tonight that the United Mine Workers of America will refuse President Harding's offer of arbitration to settle the coal strike, both bituminous and anthracite.

John L. Lewis, president of the union, William Green, secretary-treasurer, and William Murray, vice president, in a final conference at the White House with President Harding and Secretary Davis late today, determined, it was understood, to recommend a refusal of the government's offer to the union policy committee which will meet here tomorrow.

Although employers in the anthracite region have accepted the president's offer practically without change, the union viewpoint is that the anthracite fields, with their potential production of 2,000,000 tons a week, should not resume work because this coal supply would lessen public pressure for a strike settlement.

A White House declaration today asserted that President Harding felt no doubt he had power to operate the mines in an emergency. The president might run the risk of impeachment in taking such a course, it was indicated, but he was said not to fear such a possibility.

The union officials who have remained in Washington since the break-up of the general conference have made their position plain to officials in demanding that arbitration as offered be made to apply to the semi-anthracite fields of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, in Washington state and in Minnesota, county, West Virginia.

The geological survey reported today a sharp drop in coal production in non-anthracite fields, fixing the total output for the week of July 4 at 3,400,000 tons, while for the present week the figures are not expected above 4,000,000 tons.

Governor Ives of Minnesota, representing the northwestern states, urged upon the president and other cabinet members during conference here today and yesterday, that mines be taken over and operated by the government. Solicitors in the lake docks are far below quality necessary to carry householders through the winter.

CERTIFICATE CASE
ACTION IS BEGUN

Clark and Negro Charged
With Forgery of O. C.
Justice Court

By the Associated Press Staff Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 14.—A criminal action was instituted here today against two men involved in the alleged issuance of state school teachers' certificates.

W. R. Clark of Norman, former superintendent of Cleveland county schools, and Doctor Wakefield, negro, head of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, James German, president of the Rock Island, and C. H. Markham of the Illinois Central.

The information alleges that the defendants feloniously obtained from Dodson his signature to certain who certificates authorizing Mattie L. Alex to teach school in the state. Search for the two men was started.

Clark and Wakefield are charged with making false representations to the board secretary concerning the state board of education.

Meeting Not Final. While Hooper did not indicate what action might be expected to follow today's meeting, Jewell said that today's meeting was not final and that further conferences might be expected.

According to attending today's conference besides Hooper and Jewell were a number of Jewell's international presidents and vice presidents. Those present included the firemen and other organizations which he authorized to strike: H. E. Byron, president of the Chicago and Milwaukee railroad; Hale Holden, head of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; James German, president of the Rock Island, and C. H. Markham of the Illinois Central.

The conference, according to some of those attending, was most heated. The railroad representatives conceded to some of the union chief demands. Others were refused and the meeting ended when the union executives refused to discuss a settlement unless all their requests were met.

According to Hooper the union asked that the railroads cancel the contract system of farming out shop work, restore even rules which had been altered by the labor board, restore the wages in effect before the cut by the labor board, and establish national boards of adjustment. The union representatives also asked that the penalty rights be restored to all strikers.

The carriers, according to Hooper, agreed to restore the contract system on all roads where it still exists and agreed to establish regional boards of adjustment similar to those already in effect for train and engine service men.

No Wage Restoration. The executives, however, refused to agree to restore penalty rights and maintained that wages and working rules both came under the jurisdiction of the labor board. They took the stand, according to Hooper, that the shop crafts were at liberty to petition the board for a rehearing on these issues. The carriers suggested that they participate in the hearing and abide by the results.

Jewell, however, insisted on satisfactory modification of wages and rules before he would consent to terminate the strike. The executives declined to consider this matter except with the board's rehearsal.

It was suggested on a preliminary Hooper's statement said that the labor board's hearing held two weeks ago when the strike was threatened and when attempts were being made to avert it. Such a hearing was held.

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